

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W), a Corporation, for an Order Establishing a Moratorium on New Service Connections in Excess of 250 Service Connections in the Coast Springs Water System Division of the Redwood Valley District.

Application 02-03-032  
(Filed March 14, 2002)

**SCOPING MEMO AND RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER**

**Summary**

California Water Service Company (CalWater) filed this application seeking Commission authorization to establish a limit on the number of connections on its Coast Springs water system, to impose a moratorium on new connections once the limit is reached, and to implement procedures for establishing and maintaining a waiting list for new connections. The Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) filed a timely protest. A prehearing conference was held on June 3, 2002, at which ORA and others entered appearances. I am issuing this scoping ruling pursuant to Rules 6(a)(3) and 6.3 to confirm the proceeding category and need for hearing, establish the issues and timetable, set the date for evidentiary hearing, and designate the principal hearing officer.

**Scope of the Proceeding**

This proceeding will address the following issues:

1. Should CalWater be authorized to limit to 250 the number of active service connections in its Coast Springs water system?

2. If so, should CalWater be authorized to implement the procedures in the Application for establishing and maintaining a waiting list for new connections?
3. What plans does CalWater have to address its Coast Springs water system supply problems and lift the moratorium?

### **Timetable**

The schedule for this proceeding will be:

July 29, 2002	Applicants serve prepared direct testimony and exhibits.
August 26, 2002	Parties other than Applicants serve prepared testimony and exhibits.
September 9, 2002	Evidentiary hearings begin at 9:30 a.m. in San Francisco.
October 7, 2002	Concurrent briefs; case submitted.
January 3, 2003	Proposed decision filed.
----	Comments on proposed decision (20 days after proposed decision filed).
-----	Reply comments on proposed decision (5 days following comments).
February 2003	Commission meeting to consider proposed decision.

In no event do I expect this proceeding to take longer to resolve than 18 months from the date the application was filed.

### **Category and Need for Hearing**

This ruling confirms this is a ratesetting proceeding and a hearing is required, as the Commission preliminarily determined in Resolution ALJ 176-3085.

### **Principal Hearing Officer**

Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) James McVicar is designated as the principal hearing officer (Rule 5(l)), and thus will be the presiding officer under Rule 5(k)(2).

### **Final Oral Argument Before the Commission**

Any party wishing to exercise the right under Rule 8(d) to make a final oral argument before the Commission must file a written request and serve it on all parties and the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ not later than the proceeding submission date.

#### **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The issues to be considered are those stated in this ruling.
2. The timetable for the proceeding is as set forth herein.
3. This is a ratesetting proceeding expected to go to hearing.
4. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) McVicar is designated as the principal hearing officer.
5. An evidentiary hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., September 9, 2002 in the Commission's Courtroom, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
6. Any party wishing to make a final oral argument before the Commission must file a written request and serve it on all parties and the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ not later than the proceeding submission date.
7. The official service list as of this date is attached to this ruling. Parties shall serve all filings on those listed on the then-current service list, including those identified as "State Service," but not including those identified as

“Information Only.” The Commission will serve all rulings and orders on the entire list, including those listed as “Information Only.”

Dated June 21, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ HENRY M. DUQUE

Henry M. Duque  
Assigned Commissioner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 21, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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